

Application No. 10/814,009
Amendment dated January 20, 2006
Reply to Office Action of June 21, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 17-24, 26, 28-29, 38, and 40 are canceled by way of this amendment and claims 12, 14, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34-36, and 39 and 41 are amended herein. Thus, claims 12-16, 25, 27, 30-37, 39, and 41 are currently pending with claims 12, 30, 32, and 36 being independent.

In the June 21, 2005, Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12, 13, 30-33, 36 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form to include all the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims. Claims 12, 30, 32, and 36 have been rewritten into independent form herein to include all required limitations. All other currently pending claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 12, 30, 32, and 36. Thus, claims 12-16, 25, 27, 30-37, 39, and 41 are now in a condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (800) 445-3460.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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